

Orene Koonce

HUNTSVILLE -- Services for Orene Koonce, 82, of Huntsville were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2001, in the Huntsville Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Payne officiating.

Burial followed in Bennett Cemetery.

Mrs. Koonce died Saturday, April 14, in Huntsville.

She was born Sept. 25, 1919 in the Crecy Community in Trinity County. She obtained bachelor of arts and masters degrees from Sam Houston State University, and in the early 1940s, taught elementary school in Pennington and Centerville.

She worked for over 30 years

with Reliant Energy/Entex and after her retirement, she traveled with the Huntsville chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP). She was a member of the Huntsville Church of Christ and attended the Ladies' Bible Study Class there.

Mrs. Koonce was preceded in death by her husband, Manuel "Humpy" Koonce and a brother, T.P. Walton Jr.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Fannie Mande Walton of Groveton and Opel Thompson of Stafford; two nephews, Tommy Lee Walton of Groveton and Charles Thompson of Stafford; two nieces, Jo Ann Hartman of Stafford and Peggy Wyatt of Dallas; and special friends, Lana and Joe Shaddix.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Huntsville Church of Christ (936-295-3884) or to the Bennett Cemetery Association (936-831-2326).

Huntsville Funeral Home directed the arrangements.